

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: March 8, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on March 8, 2022 at 3:33 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Elizabeth Esquivel, Melissa Moreno, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. President Moreno presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

1.3 Approval of Agenda.  
*Motion to Approve Agenda. Move Item 3 climate change to information item.*

**MOTION:** Zendejas **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Zendejas, Yip, Esquivel, Moreno, Souza Cole **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

1.4 Public Comment.  
None

**2.0 REPORTS**

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas  
None.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Happy International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month.
- Attended the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) workshop on February 28, 2022.
  - Well attended and very informational.

Trustee Yip

Happy International Women’s Day.

Trustee Zendejas stated that at the Board of Supervisors meeting today they also honored International Women’s Day and stated that this is the first time in history that 3 of 4 of Yolo County’s city mayors are female.

Trustee Souza Cole also stated that 3 of 5 Yolo County Board members are women.

Reminded Board that CCBE is currently accepting proposals for presentations at their conference. It would be wonderful to showcase all the work YCOE is doing.

Trustee Esquivel

None

President Moreno

- Thanked staff for hard work.
  - Attended YCSBA workshop for trustees that discussed the difficult and challenging times with board meetings.
- Acknowledged International Women’s month.
  - Honored all the women at YCOE who make it happen.

Superintendent

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the following items:

- YCOE is interested in presenting at CCBE.
- Discussed the California Indian Curriculum Advisory work and how it could be presented at CSBA.
- Participated in escape room with Esparto USD.
  - Great time to commiserate with their team.
  - Sneak peek on how to engage students.
- Celebrated Children and Youth Family Convening.
  - This effort is propelling us to address the needs of children and families.
  - There was representation from each jurisdiction county, COE, partners and non-profits.
- Honored International Women’s Day by thanking all the women on the Board and at YCOE for their hard work and dedication to Yolo county.

Employee of the month.

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources stated that Gerry Scholl, Employee of the Month has not arrived but asked if we could honor him when he does arrive. The Board was fine with the request.

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Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Items discussed included:

- Happy International Women’s Day.
- Highlighted ACSA region 3 awardee – Angie Silva.
- Great work that is currently happening at Cesar Chavez Community School.
- Special education team.
  - Festival and how it is a happy and joyous time to be at sites.
- Career Technical Education and adult learning in Winters.

- Social emotional learning support that is currently ongoing at all sites.
- Head Start lessons, skills and ways to enhance services to preschool kids in community.
- Gail Nadal, Director, Special Projects is currently working with districts on TK initiative and continues to receive positive feedback.

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services stated that there was not a written report in Board packet this month.

Items discussed included:

- Recently completed evaluations with directors.
  - It was humbling to find out we have strong and dedicated people who work at YCOE. Thanked Deborah Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, Veronica Moreno, Director, External Business Services, Carl Fahle, Director, Information Technology and Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS for all of their support to YCOE and districts.

Trustee Esquivel had a question about the Washington USD event that occurred last week and also wanted the dates of the Foster youth event. Mariah Ernst-Collins, Program Coordinator II, Student Services stated that she will look into this and get back to her with this information.

#### Committees

Facilities committee meeting is currently being scheduled for the end of month. Trustee Esquivel had a question on logistics for the committees. There is a spot currently for Trustee Esquivel on the budget committee if interested (this was stated in minutes). The Board will review committee appointments at Board retreat on April 4, 2022.

#### Employee of the Month

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the Employee of the Month for March: Gerry Scholl.

#### 2.2 Associations None

#### 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA Motion to Approve.

**MOTION:** Souza Cole **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Souza Cole, Yip, Esquivel, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

#### 4.0 **YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL HONOR ANGELINA SILVA, STUDENT FROM CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR BEING AWARDED ACSA'S 2022 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDING AWARD RECIPIENT FOR REGION 3**

Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education honored Angelina Silva, Student from Cesar Chavez Community School for being awarded ACSA's 2022 Every Student Succeeding Award recipient for Region 3.

Angie Silva is an amazing mom and graduated in October 2021 from the Yolo County Career program (YCCP). She did it all during the pandemic and kept pushing. Ms. Silva stated that she enjoyed being in the classroom and having the option of online classes. She thanked her support system and her family.

Trustee Esquivel stated that she admires her resiliency for continuing her education during those challenging times and she should be very proud. Trustee Yip commented on the inspiring ACSA event that he attended honoring all the winners of the program. He also described the scholarship program and how there were two (2) winners from Yolo County. Superintendent Lewis congratulated Ms. Silva and gave her a Certificate of Achievement and flowers while Mariah Ernst-Collins also gave her a gift card to honor her achievement. President Moreno congratulated her and stated that it is important to continue to be a life-long learner.

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 RESOLUTION #21-22/35 In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two weeks in April) – April 18-29, 2022**

Superintendent Lewis presented the resolution to Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Clerk Recorder-Assessor. As the elections official in Yolo county he has continued to engage our youth in participating in the Youth and Empowerment event each year. Mr. Salinas appreciates the work that the county office is doing for mapping the future of Yolo county's youth.

Mr. Salinas also discussed the Youth Empowerment Summit and asked the Board to Save the date of April 30, 2022. It will be an amazing event and State Senator Dodd along with Assemblymember Aguiar Curry will be involved this year to speak to the kids.

Trustee Esquivel thanked Mr. Salinas for his work and stated what a great opportunity this is for high school students to learn more about elections, voting, and what is happening on a larger scale in the state. Mr. Salinas shared the flyer for event.

Trustee Souza Cole asked if we are planning anything at Cesar Chavez Community School for our students in regards, to this resolution. Principal Gerhart stated that a new program specialist has been in touch with Mr. Salinas so the students can also be involved. President Moreno is excited about the civic engagement for students. She believes this is well suited for the community's history and ethnic history in the state and nation.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/35 In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two weeks in April) – April 18-29, 2022.

**MOTION:** Zendejas **SECOND:** Souza Cole  
**AYES:** Zendejas, Souza Cole, Esquivel, Moreno, Yip **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

5.2 RESOLUTION #21-22/36 National Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2022

Superintendent Lewis presented this resolution to Jenaba Lahai, Executive Director and Guadalupe Lugo, Child Abuse Prevention Council Coordinator from Yolo County Children’s Alliance. They thanked the board of trustees and staff.

Trustee Esquivel thanked Ms. Lahai and Lugo for all their work on getting resources to communities and students. Astonished by the rates of abuse in 2020 and imagines that might have increased with pandemic. A lot of this work falls on community based organizations to provide services for students. President Moreno thanked their resilience and leadership and appreciates their partnership to YCOE and children.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/36 National Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2022.

**MOTION:** Souza Cole **SECOND:** Yip  
**AYES:** Souza Cole, Yip, Esquivel, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

5.4 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report  
Debra Hinely, Director, Fiscal Services presented the PowerPoint “2021-2022 Budget Revision and Second Interim Report” in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Some questions and items discussed included:

- Trustee Souza Cole asked about the net revenues increasing by 2 million.
  - Also in regards to deficit - why do we have 339,000 deficit applied to more expenditures on ending fund balance. Ms. Hinely stated that the decreased expenditures are due to LCAP funds and the increased expenditures are due to mini grants.
- Instructional materials
- Lotto funds
- Mandated block grant
- Vehicle fleet reserve
- Budget assumptions.
- Multi-year projection.
- Covid-19 funding.
- President Moreno asked what the Superintendent Priorities budget is for.

Some items include the African American conference as well as the Native American curriculum and Professional Learning Advisory group.

**MOTION:** Souza Cole **SECOND:** Esquivel  
**AYES:** Souza Cole, Esquivel, Moreno, Yip, Zendejas  
**NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

5.5 Dan Jacobs School Calendar 2022-2023

Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Souza Cole asked if there was any additional information on closure. Dr. Studer stated that there is a meeting scheduled with probation soon on what next year looks like. We do not have an ending term date. We are currently preparing for a full school year. There is currently two (2) students today. When more information is received then staff will provide updates to the Board.

President Moreno asked for clarification on county board of supervisors meeting in which they directed staff to seek contract with beds at neighboring detention facilities for students. Staff stated that YCOE to provide educational services while detention center still open.

Trustee Souza Cole asked about the budget and the developing budget for 2022-23 for staffing of school. Discussion for agreement for 2022-23 will happen at meeting with chief and outline terms with primary funding sources. Services will continue. There is currently a lot of unknowns. The only change in the calendar is the correction for winter break. Also, the Juneteenth holiday is noted for first time on the calendar. Superintendent Lewis stated that the Board of supervisors will make final decision on closure. He commended staff for their hard work under these conditions.

**MOTION:** Zendejas **SECOND:** Yip  
**AYES:** Zendejas, Yip, Esquivel, Moreno, Souza Cole  
**NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.3 Climate Change Resolution.

Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS gave a verbal update of the climate change resolution adopted last year in June 2021. The intent of the resolution was to respond to crisis. With the recommendations from CSBA the intent was to take on measures and anticipate the evaluation of processes which would make us a leader in the county on this subject.

In October a report will be given to the Board on this item. Report will include information on:

- Organics recycling and waste
  - hope this will be delivered any day but we have faced significant

- delays for end users.
- Plastic shortages and supply change.
- Vehicles - hope to be 25% hybrid.
  - will also look at electric vehicles.
- Evaluation for carbon neutrality.
  - Conversations by firm for net zero use. Working with different firm on sustainable conservation.
- Battery backup for data center.
- Wi-Fi devices.
- Purchasing furniture that is green seal certified.

Trustee Souza Cole thanked Mr. Juchniewicz for his work and asked about the truck purchase listed in the financial report and if it was hybrid? Mr. Juchniewicz stated that he could not get usage out of a hybrid model because the tow feature is not possible with hybrid or electric model. Currently there are projected needs beyond this vehicle for maintenance. Trustee Souza Cole stated that YCOE should be full electric in future since this is the biggest contributor of burning fossil fuels and for an education institution we need to educate and model behavior which is a great example for community and students.

President Moreno discussed curriculum and raising awareness for the current generation to understand the context of this resolution. Would like YCOE to look at providing learning possibilities for students for example at Cache Creek nature reserve and for youth to develop their leadership skills.

Superintendent Lewis stated that Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning has been recruiting students and is involved in all conversations with internship coordinators at the Indian education center and outreach with students at the nature preserve is ongoing. Trustee Souza Cole discussed an editorial she read in the Davis Enterprise about climate change and how it is a clear and present danger which includes wildfires and our dependence on fossil fuels. Everything we do now will depend on this and we must address this issue now.

6.1 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Reports

Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education presented the PowerPoint in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

- Program Enrollment.
- Students on Independent Study.

President Moreno asked why more students aren't in internships and why more are likely to drop. Can't make a direct correlation with the Independent Study component.

President Moreno referenced an article from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) regarding the drop of student enrollment. Staff stated that they are calling students, offering therapies, visits and Communicare is on site full

time. Trustee Esquivel stated that legislation currently impacts classes for students to retake AB 104. Juniors and seniors have been impacted by the pandemic which includes credit requirements for state minimum. ADA summary report was sent to staff and will be emailed to the Board which shows a deep decline in ADA for county offices of education.

Trustee Souza Cole also commented on enrollment at Cesar Chavez Community School (in person and Independent Study). Enrollment has been very heavily male especially on the construction side.

6.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Sustainability.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle taught to youngest learners.
- State contract review.
- Submitting Head Start grant.
- Filling vacant positions.
- Stem projects and learning concepts.
- Organics recycling program.

Trustee Yip asked about the Footsteps to Brilliance program. How are we doing? Staff stated that the program will continue. Looking into a digital platform and books for every night which will encourage literacy and parent engagement. Also looking into utilizing the reader system in lieu.

Trustee Souza Cole asked about students moving from Head Start and the Kindergarten readiness assessment. She would like to see the assessment of in-person teaching and the transition into Kindergarten.

6.3 Cesar Chavez Community School Curriculum Update

Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented the Power Point “Alternative Education Curriculum Adoption Update” in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Trustee Souza Cole stated that this process started almost three years ago. She would like to emphasize using other materials beyond what board has adopted. This includes science curriculum that includes the topic of climate change. It would be helpful to be able to send teachers to trainings that include the SEI curriculum and looking at how or if students could apply for the state seal of civic engagement. Action related to climate change go hand in hand with this issue and it was a different place a generation ago. Ms. Bruns stated that she plans to adopt appropriate science materials before her retirement in June 2023. Trustee Souza Cole asked a question in regards to board adoption. Is the Board required to have a public hearing on this matter (including having the materials sitting out for



review?). Superintendent Lewis stated that they should be available at school site.

Trustee Moreno doesn't have a question on the curriculum update but material. Are there samples of material that will be used for curriculum. Ms. Bruns stated it will be consistent with state language. Ms. Moreno also stated that there is currently no set materials for 9-12th grade and ethnic studies training for teachers on what materials to use. Focus should be on teachers currently going through induction and it would be helpful to work with UC Davis on implementation and selection of materials.

Trustee Moreno advocated for how many civic engagement seal projects coupled with ethnic studies curriculum. She is also advocating for the actual ethnic studies framework discussion and where it fits into curriculum. Ms. Bruns discussed current work and project we are currently contracting with the university on regarding ethnic studies 101 this spring in conjunction with Chavez teachers. Trustee Esquivel stated that there is room to grow and learn in this area. Thanked staff for the thorough presentation and looks forward to seeing AB 101 coming to fruition in 2030 or earlier.

- 6.4 Consolidated Application Winter Release  
Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.5 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2021  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.6 Monthly Board Financial Report  
Debra Hinely, Director, Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to question from the Board.
- 6.7 Draft Agenda for Board Retreat – Monday, April 4, 2022  
Superintendent Lewis presented the Draft Agenda for the Board Retreat.

Items discussed included governance training with the Board, if desired. The Board stated that they would like to add effective governance – communications which would include superintendent to board; board to superintendent and board to board.

Items to discuss during retreat:

- Weekly communications from superintendent.
- Policies (9000).
- Trainings. Do we need it?
- Board study sessions?
- Board Self- evaluation.
  - Reviewing how we want to move forward with this topic. CSBA has one that we have used in past.

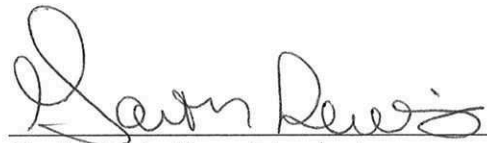
- Could board get results of last survey in packet? Last time the superintendent could not participate. Would he be able to now?
- Request to revisit board assignments as a relation to committees/discussion
- 1:1 meetings
- YCOE vision – Superintendent Lewis to reinforce and illustrate YCOE and board moving ahead and together.

7.0 Suggested future agenda items.

- Board requested that we remove all board retreat items.
- Superintendent Lewis stated that the property lease can go on a future agenda item as information.
- Superintendent Lewis – Update on the Roadmap to Future.
- Trustee Esquivel - Board study topic on the Prop. 98 Gann limit.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**MOTION:** Zendejas **SECOND:** Souza Cole **AYES:** Zendejas, Souza Cole, Esquivel, Moreno, Yip **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

  
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Garth Lewis, Superintendent